

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending, with claims 15, 25, and 43 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-14, 16-24, 26, 27, 38-42 and 44-51 are allowed, according to the office action summary. As claims 52-55 are not included in the allowed claims, nor were they rejected, Applicant's request that these claims be included in the allowed claims. Claims 28-37 are rejected. Without prejudicing Applicant's right to pursue such claims in a future application and in order to advance the prosecution of the claims, Applicant's have canceled claims 28-37. As withdrawn claims 15, 25 and 43 depend from allowed generic claims 12, 20, and 38 respectively, as required by 37 CFR 1.141, Applicant's respectfully request that these claims are no longer withdrawn from consideration.

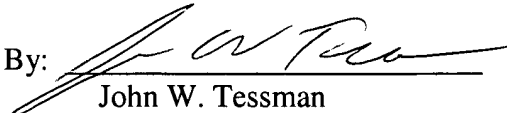
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's claims 1-27 and 39-55 are in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this petition or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 19-4315**.

Respectfully submitted
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